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# LICENSE TAX

Supreme Court Upholds the Act Calling for a Fee on Certain Boats.

It is constitutional to tax those who fish for profit in the waters of the Territory of Hawaii in a boat that has a beam of over thirty inches. So decides the opinion of the supreme court written by Chief Justice Hartwell and handed down yesterday. The decision is the result of the test case that has been fought out in the lower courts over Matsubara. He claimed, when arrested for failure to secure a license, that the act was unconstituislation in so far that nearly all boats over the specified width of beam were owned by Japanese and other reasons.

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The court held that it was not dis-criminatory legislation, because it ap-plied to all boats over that width of beam, no matter who owned them. The county attorney admitted that, with the exception of a few Chinese boats, the 200 boats fishing for profit in Oahu waters were owned by Japanese. The Hawaiians nearly all fish from outrig-ger cances, and therefore are not lia-ble to the license. It was on this ground that the defendant claimed a violation of his treaty rights.

In connection with the claim that

the waters of the Territory were free or should be from a necessity to have a license to fish in them, the court

says: lation that congress intended that the business of fishing for profit in the sea waters of the Territory should be sea waters of the Territory should be free from police regulation or taken out of the taxing power of the Terri-tory, the object of the provisions cited being to do away with exclusive pri-vate rights of fishery in those waters. In this view there is no occasion to consider the defendant's claim that the act deprives him of treaty rights."

The supreme court, in discussing the case, also declares that the act calling for a license fee is not in conflict with the Organic Act for this reason.

Kellogg Wins.

By another opinion handed down by the supreme bench yesterday, written by Justice Perry, Leonard G. Kellogg wins out in the suit brought against him by the Remington Typewriter Company. Kellogg is doing business under the name of the Hawaiian Office Spe-cialty Company, a concern which has passed through three hands and accu-

mulated debts on the way.

It was originally started by William
L. Gilluly and O. V. McCarthy, who
in 1905 purchased a stock from the
plaintiff. In 1907 they sold the stock,
etc., of the concern to D. S. K. Pahu. The latter conducted the business under The latter conducted the business under the same name and subsequently sold the property to Kellogg. When Pahu purchased it, he made no promise to pay the debts accumulated by the for-mer proprietors. When Kellogg made the purchase he promised to pay a cer-tain note of \$2000 and "the other and remaining debts of the Hawaiian Of-fice Specialty Company.' The Rem-ington company brought a suit for \$2400, the value of the goods they supplied to the original proprietors.

The court holds "that if an action

is maintainable at all by a creditor of the promisee against the promisor, the creditor not being privy to the con-tract or the consideration, the very foundation of any right the creditor may have is the premisor's contract, and that in the case at bar plaintiff's claim was not one of the debts of the Hawaiian Office Specialty Company at the date of the agreement, and therefore there was no promise by defend-

ant to pay it.''
Federal Indictments.

turned two true bills against alleged offenders against the laws of the Unit-One of these was against bribe Inspector R. C. Brown of the fields of corn. immigration station to let him into the

The other indictment was against Otokichi Nakano, another Edmunds Act Territorial Indictments.

The territorial grand jury also made a partial report which included the true bill and no bill found two days ago which have been on the secret files. The no bill was for Ching Sai Chong who was accused of an attempt to com mit murder.

The man indicted is Lau Chong who is accused of potting with a revolver the man for whom the no bill was found. Lau Chong accused Chun Sai Chong of attacking him with a goldchong of attacking him with a gold-beaters hammer, the man being a jew-eler in the Sun Wo jewelry store. In the substance of the words of the in-dictment Lau Chong held a revolver, which is considered a very dangerous which is considered a very dangerous weapon, dangerously loaded, in the di-rection of Lau Chong. This was done, says the indictment with "malice aforethought" and other things and so when the gun went off as guns have a habit of doing it constituted an attack with

He was arraigned before De Bolt yes is appeared for him.

Courthouse Notes.

court a motion to set for hearing the suit in ejectment it has instituted against the Hustaces and the Moana Hotel. This is the suit in which it is The Territory has filed in the circuit Hotel. This is the suit in which it is claimed that those against whom it is brought are occupying a public road which is supposed to be where the Hotel

convictions in the lower court. This have oft.

#### **SIDELIGHTS**

BOOST HAWAIL

Here's to the man or woman with the kodak or the pen, who advertises the beauties or the vagaries ,as the case may be, of Hawaii. It is not alone that we want tourists; it is not alone that interest may be created in propositions relative to coastwise suspension or subsidy, but it is because we want the people to know that the Hawaiian Islands, and, better still, the "Territory of Hawaii," is in existence. Every youngster in every school on the mainland knows all about the "Sandwich Islands," and the tragic-sometimes reported to them as gastronomical-death of Captain Cook. But few of them write to their friends here without enriching the coffers of Uncle Sam by placing on the envelope the picture of Abraham Lincoln, purchased for five cents, rather than the calm countenance of George Washington, which can be secured from Postmaster Pratt for two.

But "The Territory of Hawaii" is known to but few, and any education along that line should be gladly welcomed, no matter what its nature. If the information disseminated is fulsome in its flattery, it can do do harm, so long as the way down easterners know we are in existence as a fullblown territorial government. If it gives-although newspaper and magazine men trained propely have slight conception thereof-the truth about us, no harm is done and the world learns something. If it be distinctly libelous in its nature, yet will it attract attention, perhaps more than otherwise, to us, and emphasize our beauties, natural, social and governmental. Should it get very rank, we'll get another congressional commission, with the attendant hula luaus, pleasant deadhead excursions and voluminous, massive official reports.

But I say that nobody is fooled or burt in the long run, and we are advertised. Let Attorney Thayer while away a weary hour and supplement his prince ly income as an attorney by working the mainland magazines on Hawaiian stories; do not criticize Reporter Irwin for eking out his promised salary with a few dollars by knocking us. Bless, rather than curse, Doctor O'Day. Help Bonine along.

THE POOHBAH OF HAWAII.

Sidelights will not be robbed of her contribution relative to the harassing, manifold, and, sometimes, conflicting duties of the Hon. E. A. Mott-Smith, simply because something has already appeared in the newspapers.

When the log of the good ship Lurline, having on board Governor Frear showed a few days ago that the marine league had been covered, Poohbah, of Gilbert and Sullivan, and Kimono fame, took to the woods; no longer might he boast of having the greatest number of official titles, or the most powers, or the greatest dignity attached to, appurtenant to, and made a part of, one individual. Watch the warships, and see and hear the Governor welcomed on his official

visit by the usual number of guns. Does your Chinese servant desire to have a paper showing that his children or cousins-I never knew a Chinaman who did not have a myriad of relations

of the latter denomination-were born in the United States? Apply to the Secretary of the Territory. Should your dog kill a rat, and you wish to ascertain whether the dead rodent is concealing any plague or other germs, ring up the President of the

Board of Health. Do likewise should the mosquitoes grow too numerous. And each time shall you be confronted by the handsome countenance of the same individual; or, should you rely upon the telephone, be comforted by

the same soothing voice. Many other things may that countenance or that voice accomplish. Sales of land; a further influx of Sam Johnson's countrymen, the Russians; payment of disputed claims relative to the recent congressional visit; and so forth and

so forth and so forth, There are, of course, some pleasures connected with the multitude of jobs. To an applicant for executive elemency it may be explained that the Chief Executive would experience no greater joy than signing a pardon, but that his

duties as ex officio prison inspector made it impossible. As Secretary, a Chinese certificate might issue, but the Governor might turn down the application. A pardon to Atcherley might be granted by the Governor, did not the president of the Board of Health object.

Let us watch developments.

KIPLING'S HEROES.

In these days of investigation into labor questions, in so far as Hawaii is concerned, should some of the experts look a trifle beyond what statistics show, they might glean some interesting facts relative to the Hindus, and form some conclusions relative to the advisability of placing them at work in the cane fields, conclusions which are not written in the books.

I read the other day of one of the new arrivals, who was shy on a turban, attempting to bribe Immigration Inspector Brown. It is said that during the conversation, in which he endeavored to place the singer-inspector in a position in which Heney might be directed to immediately drop the Oregon land frauds investigation, and take a special boat for Honolulu to prosecute Brown, the man with the Kipling name stated, as one of the reasons why he should part with his money and be permitted to become a resident of Oahu, that he could cut ten tons of cane a day without any trouble. It is said that when informed be would be given an opportunity to cultivate the same amount of rock for road purposes, his trachoma, or whatever disease he was suffering from, became at once of so dangerous a nature as to not permit him to go to work.

And, if reports be true, another one of these recent arrivals will never be compelled to stand off starvation through work in the cane fields. He was a system. Corns could be removed expeditiously and per manently, and, so far as I can understand, the charge was to be according to weight. The Kipling man did everything promised in his advertisement, and Bhogoran, the Hindu who attempted to collected the fees connected therewith. He has departed for other fields, perhaps

But nature is prolific, and sometimes reproduces. The system was a mighty good one in so far as temporary results to the patients and financial results to the doctor are concerned; but, as I have said above, nature is prolific. The He has four counts against him. Hindu is not at work in the cane fields, and the corns have returned.

. . . . . OATHS-STATUTORY, NOT PROFANE.

Don't take my word for it, but go and see for yourself. If you have not already paid attention, your visit will certainly be enlightening.

Take in, any morning, some court in Honolulu, where the witnesses called to prove a case for the plaintiff, or for the defense, are orientals, and observe the manner in which they take the oath.

In ye olden days-when Thanksgiving days were a novelty and not always justifiable-no testimony of any witness could or would be received in court unless the Bible was reverently saluted in an osculatory way. Advanced ideas on sanitary questions led to a change in many of the American communities, and the upholding of the right hand, and "So help me God," were substituted. Always up to date in sanitation and economy, Hawaii at an early date

abandoned the book and adopted the muscular method of eliciting the truth. But if you want to kill time and likewise be amused, watch the oath being administered to people from foreign climes. Whether some good old teaching of good old Confucius relative to the respective uses of the two hands have filtered through the centuries I know not; but, just the same, nine times out of ten, when admonished to hold up his hand so that a jury may believe him, a deadly weapon with intent to commit the Chinaman, in baseball parlance, will prove to be a "southpaw," and elevate the left. And whether Jesse James had ancestors in Japan or not, I am not aware, but there is grave suspicion, because nearly always when the oath corkterday and pleaded not guilty. He was serew is to be applied, both hands go up. As for the Porto Rican and the let out on a \$2500 bond. E. C. Peters Korean, sanitary reasons may again be referred to, since whether both, the

right, the left, or neither, show up, depends upon conditions. As for the Hindu, he slaps his forehead hard, should his hand be not other

Yesterday afternoon I stood at the corner of King and Fort steets and wit nessed the parade of the Shriners. Amongst them was my husband, a novice, Annex now stands.

Again the prosecutors of the county appropriate—arranged and devised and superintended by a committee headed arrayed in a fantastic costume-I am sorry to admit that it was not exactly in attorney's office have not-prossed a case by a gentleman known in commercial circles as Richardson, and to whom I before Judge De Bolt after accuring have often heard that same husband apply the expressive nickname of "Rough convictions in the lower court. This

time it was in the case of fourteen Chinamen who were convicted of indulging or being present at a gambling game. They had been scaked but five dullars apiece by Andrade and yet up on appeal the same attorney who had convicted them entered a nolle presequity of them entered and feature of the first presequity of them entered the first presequity of the entered of the first presequity of the entered of the strangely of the entered of the strangely of the entered of the first presequity of the entered of the entered of the first presequity of the entered of the entered of the entered of the first presequity of the entered of the e

at times of the explosion of an automobile tire, and then of a native political seting in a warm campaign, and, st times, of the fall of Port Arthur; but, through all the din penetrated laughter, boisterous, perhaps, but good natured always. I did not know what was going on, and could not have witnessed it had I wanted to. Perhaps the condition of my husband's clothes this morning may throw some light on the subject. But I went home fully satisfied, even though he had told me that the K. of P. hall was to be deserted after the ceremonies for a no-limit banquet on the roof of the Young Hotel.

And I don't care much in what condition his clothes are. It does our husbands good to have the privilege, at least once a year, of publicly making, as to us they daily make, exhibitions of themselves.

VALUE OF ORIENTAL PRESS.

Look it up for yourself-still clinging to my text-and you will readily ascertain that money expended by you for subscriptions to oriental newspapers is not wasted. The papers will be read, if your yardboy or your cook or your nurse-perhaps I should say the nurse attached to your children-is able to read. If the servant in question has been sadly neglected in the matter of early education and can not read, you may safely wager that some Japanese, Korean or Chinese connected with the botanical, culinary or nursery department of a neighbor will be drafted to interpret or translate. It may-probably willhappen that the interest displayed will, in case of subscription to a morning paper, make you miss your street car because breakfast is late, or, if an afternoon effusion, make you wonder why you came home so early-but the interest is there just the same.

And perhaps you will differ with me when I say the money is not wasted. It is possible that what is read or translated may induce a peremptory demand for higher wages or shorter hours, or both. Just the same, observe your servants read, or have read to them, the papers, and note that what I say is correct.

And if you do not subscribe yourself, you must not think for a moment that the servants are thus deprived of all the manifest advantages accruing from the perusal of the news items, editorials and advertisements of a first-class newspaper, or thus cut off from communication with the outside world. They will get them just the same, and profit according to their lights.

#### THE NEW HONOLULU **WEATHER BUREAU KIOSK**



GENERAL VIEW OF THE NEW WEATHER KIOSK JUST ESTABLISHED AT THE CORNER OF HOTEL AND BISHOP STREETS.

Wm. B. Stockman, section director of out of the way for the use of the genthe United States weather bureau, with this demand in a practicable manner, headquarters in the Young building, in the chief of the weather bureau direferring to the new weather kiosk just rected that a suitable structure be destablished at the corner of Hotel and Bishop streets says that the credit for walks. The name kiosk was selected as being short and expressive, it being obtaining the kiosk does not altogether that employed in foreign countries for belong to him, but to H. P. Wood, secretary of the chamber of commerce and the promotion committee. It is known that Mr. Wood took up the matter in his usual energetic manner, and, aided by Mr. Stockman, obtained authority from Washington to have a kiosk put up in Honolulu.

The kiosk, which is attracting much cilitate easy reading: attention, is composed of east-iron and seven feet high, with a recessed magnet. space on each side thirty inches wide, thirty-five inches high and five inches bucket pattern with dial mechanism deep, for the display of instruments, inches of orecipitation as caught in charts, maps, etc. Each space is covitive central top of the kiosk, which ered with a giazed metal sash that can be raised or lowered within the framework of the structure. The side that contains the instruments is generally placed to face the north.

The three framed wooden, paneled boards furnished for each kiosk to facilitate the display of charts, maps, etc., are always placed in the recesses

not occupied by instruments. In nearly all the large cities of the country at which regular telegraphic reporting stations of the weather bureau are established, the records from automatic instruments and the meteorological data recorded, as well as the daily observations and forceasts that are made, are always open for the bonare made, are always open for the boneffit of the public, but, unfortunately,
the modern development and construction of large and lofty buildings have
necessitated the placing therein of the
local offices and the exposure of the
instruments on their high and comparatively inaccessible roofs. While such
offices are readily accessible to the public by means of elevators, yet they are

street shelters and bulletin boards used for a similar purpose. The instruments furnished are as follows: Hygrometer-A simple form of indi-

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